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Feb. 20th 1899

Dear Geheimrath,

Professor Boyce has written to you by this mail, I understand, inviting you on behalf of the Committee of the School of Tropical Diseases to the inaugural dinner at the opening at the end March or beginning. May I throw in my humble appeal that you will be able to come - I may assure you a right down good hearty welcome. My post here is in the new School as demonstrator of Tropical Pathology and Bacteriology and plenty of time is to be given me for Research Work, so that I shall look forward to your coming to Liverpool as a good opportunity to ask your help and advice as to what lines you would think it best for me to do some work on. The New School is supported financially by several large shipping firms in this city but more especially by that of "Elder, Dempster & Co." who have a large trade with the West Coast of Africa - and this firm is ready at their own expense to send out expeditions consisting of medical men [unleserlich] - without regard to nationality - to the West Coast to investigate Tropical Diseases - more especially of course Malaria. I expect myself, to go out for 2 or 3 months with an expedition in the summer.

At the Hospital connected with the New School a special ward has been set apart for Tropical Diseases. - This hospital for years back has always had some cases of Malaria in its wards. This cases are available to me for any work I wish to do.

The Committee are exceedingly powerful and energetic and fully intend to make the New School a success. I realize that you will be in the middle of your preparation for your journey to Italy and Africa, but we wish to take this opportunity to welcome you to Liverpool and England before you depart on your long and interesting travels - and more especially do we realize that no one more suitable than yourself could be found to honour the opening-occasion of this New School - especially so as you have busied yourself so intimately with Tropical Diseases during the last few years.

We all sincerely hope to see you here - it has been such a long time since you honoured England with a visit before.

Kindly remember me to Frau Geh. - hoping you are well.

I am, my dear and honoured Master and teacher,
yours very sincerely

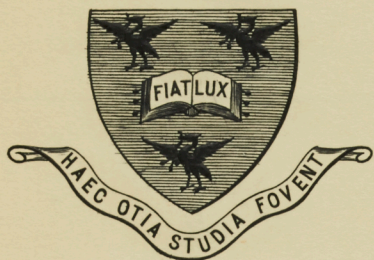
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